



HEARING AID SPECIALISTS

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: May I use my license from another state to practice in Virginia?

A: No. No person shall engage in the practice of fitting and dealing in hearing aids or display a sign or in any other way advertise or represent himself as a person who practices the fitting and dealing of hearing aids in Virginia unless he holds a Virginia Hearing Aid Specialist license. (§54.1-1504)

2. Q: My renewal payment was 1 day late; can the reinstatement fee be waived?

A: No. The date of receipt by the board or its agent is the date which will be used to determine whether or not it is on time. Any licensee who fails to renew within 30 days after the **expiration date on the license** shall be required to pay reinstatement fee. (18 VAC 80-20-110)

3. Q: May I apply for a temporary permit?

A: Yes. Persons meeting the qualifications set forth in the regulations may be issued a temporary permit. Please refer to section 18 VAC 80-20-40 of the Hearing Aid Specialist regulations.

4. Q: I need a letter of certification fast; if I come in with my certification fee may I wait for it to be processed?

A: No. Although staff makes every effort to get letters of certification out in five business days, officially, our turnaround time is 30 days. Certifications are done in the order they are received.

5. Q: How do I obtain licensure in another state?

A: Contact the state or jurisdiction you wish to become licensed in.

6. Q: May I obtain licensure through reciprocity?

A: Yes. An individual who is currently licensed as a hearing aid specialist in good standing in another jurisdiction may be granted a Virginia license provided the requirements and standards under which the license was issued are substantially equivalent to and not conflicting with the provisions of the Virginia laws and regulations. Upon receipt of the application for reciprocity and fee, and after a review of application, the board may grant a license upon successful completion of specified sections of the examination. (18 VAC 80-20-50)